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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Grand Rapids RCPP Project Description & Scope of Work
Date: Monday, June 04, 2018 11:02:49 AM
Attachments: [Revised RCPP Project Description 50818.pdf](#)
[Design Modification Review.pdf](#)

Melanie,

Per my phone call, below and attached is information on the Grand Rapids project that we are hoping you can review and then discuss with us. Are you available at all tomorrow for a quick phone call with Luke and me?

Amy

From: Trumble, Luke (DEQ)
Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 11:41 AM
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Hi Amy,

Per our discussion, attached are some documents that provide an overview of the Grand Rapids project and the proposed phasing. The "Design Modification Review" provides an overview of the whole project, which would include the removal of several low head dams, removal/modification of the larger Sixth Street Dam, construction of a new adjustable dam upstream, and construction of several in-stream rock structures. The "Revised RCPP Project Description" document provides an overview of the first proposed phase of this larger project which would include only the removal of several low head dams below 6th Street and construction of in-stream rock structures in their place. USFWS has indicated that they are okay with segmenting this first piece, from a NEPA standpoint, in that they believe it has independent utility. In other words, if only the first phase were completed, there would be habitat and other benefits that would justify completing only the one part.

Our concern would be with the ability to view this first phase as a single and complete project, in that what they do downstream of 6th Street Dam and what they do upstream may have impacts on hydraulics, connectivity, etc. So, our question would be to USEPA, can we consider this first phase as an independent project, or do we need them to submit plans for the entire project as a whole. I think that we might also be okay if only Phase I was completed, but the elevations, geometry, etc. of the structures proposed in Phase I may impact the design of future phases.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!

Luke

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Attached is the scope of work for the GRWW RCPP project. It looks like it's not just removal of the beautification dams, but includes the fill in the river to create the recreational and "habitat" features as well as other activities.

Luis – please give me a call when you have a few minutes.

Bethany

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From: **Matt Chapman** <matt@grandrapidswhitewater.org>

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Luis & Tammy,

Attached you will find the area and scope of work for the RCPP Project description Scott Hicks requested for reviewing a Section 7 process associated with the RCPP Grant. We will keep you updated as the process moves forward. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Matt Chapman

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